(b) Transfers of resources to States are made on the recommendations of the Finance Commission and the Planning Commission. The State's entitlements are released on monthly/quarterly basis or reimbursed on the claims filed by the State Governments. The States are expected to mobilise their part of resources as agreed at the time of Annual Plan formulation so that implementation of the Annual Plan is not hampered. The Plan outlay for 1992-93 for Bihar was approved at Rs. 2202.73 crores based on the State Government's own resources of Rs. 574.25 crores, (i) Against the allocated normal Central assistance of Rs. 774.26 crores, an amount of Rs. 650.93 crores has so far been released to Bihar. In addition, plan deficit grant of Rs. 267.98 crores has been released in full. An amount of Rs. 34 crores has been released so far against the assumed Central assistance of Rs. 135 crores for externally aided projects^ based on the reimbursement claim filed by the State Government, (ii) As intimated by Minister of Coal, the coal cess dues payable to Bihar is Rs. 459 crores out of which Rs. 237 crores have been collected by Coal India Limited (CIL) and the balance amount was not billed to the consumers due to stay orders, Court orders, etc. Out of the recovered amount of Rs. 237 crores, Rs. 100 crores have already been paid to Bihar. Regarding the balance ; amount, the CIL has been advised to pay the full amount by March, 1993.

Sanctioning of Loans by Banks

3516. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of sanctioning huge advances to certain concerns/companies by the banks without proper appraisal and observance of banking norms besides overlooking persistent shortcoming in the borrowers accounts have come to the notice of the RBI;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government for the illegal acts of the bank(s) concerned and misuse of delegated powers by the executives in credit decisions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The RBI have reported that the irregularities relating to sanction of different categories of advances which have come to their notice during the course of inspection or scrutiny relate to irregularities in extending credit by means of accommodation bills, sanctioning limits by exceeding the discretionary powers, oral or on ths spot sanction without adequate appraisal of the proposals, granting of limits not, commensurate with the credit requirements and allowing large co-acceptance facility, discounting with proper power of such co-acceptances from the controlling offices of the co-accepting banks.

RI3I have issued clear instructions requiring all the commercial banks to look into the staff accountability whenever there is loss or possibility of loss in any portfolio .of the bank and to award punishments to the delinquent officials so as to serve as warning to others. Besides, RBI also follows up closely the action taken for fixing staff accountability and award punishments to the errant officials. It also closely supervises and monitors the activities of, commercial banks through periodical inspections, by calling for various returns and inter-acting with the banks through action plan meetings etc.

Government as the disciplinary authority in respect of Board level appointees, has taken action where necessary.

Evasion of Excise Duty by the Anglo-French Textiles Mills

3517. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Excise Department imposed penalty of 12 lakhs for evasion of excise duty by the Anglo French Textiles Mills in Pondicherry which is one of the State Textiles Corporations;

(b) what is the total amount of excise duties payable by them for the last three years;